

A relaxed feel has been achieved in the Rayboulds' kitchen with a colour palette of muted creams and terracotta mixed with a travertine floor sourced by Cymru Kitchens. Walls painted in Dulux's pale Bramble Moor bring the subtle look together effortlessly

POINTS OF VIEW

A simple cream scheme is the perfect place for the Rayboulds to enjoy the pretty countryside





▲ This larger fridge is just one of the fully integrated appliances that give the kitchen a clean, streamlined look while maximising every inch of space in the room. To the left of it is a matching Liebherr freezer

▼ A faux chimney breast with an oak beam frames the Toledo range cooker, echoing the curved doors opposite. Beside it, a large sink area and a run of worktop provides valuable prep space

▲ Bi-fold doors open to reveal a hidden cupboard with clear glass shelves and a mirrored back wall that reflects the view from the window. It is also an ideal place to conceal the couple's kettle and toaster

Sweeping views were the main attraction of the bungalow in South Wales that Marilynne and Allan Raybould now call home but sadly, not its kitchen. 'The previous owners had installed the cheapest kitchen they could find but it was brand new so we couldn't just rip it out,' recalls Marilynne.

Eight years later, the project had waited long enough and the couple decided it was time to create their dream design. 'We didn't have a huge room, so maximising space was important,' explains Marilynne.

Feeling inspired after a holiday abroad, the Rayboulds set about visiting local companies. 'It was hard explaining what we wanted as our ideas came from sitting on a sunny terrace,' recalls Marilynne. For this reason, a conservatory became part of the plan so that the couple could enjoy alfresco-style dining.

Marilynne and Allan were impressed with William Fox of Cymru Kitchens and his ideas for making the most of the space. 'There was no comparison with other companies as William's design was full of flair,' explains Marilynne. He even let the couple visit his own home for inspiration. 'William showed us bespoke features that he had designed in his own kitchen, such as the curved doors and mirrored cupboard that he thought would also work for us,' she continues.

Earthy shades, with oak doors and warm granite worktops give a soothing feel to the kitchen. 'We wanted the room to be full of soft, mellow colours and that's what we have,' smiles Marilynne. **BK**



MY FAVOURITE DESIGN DETAIL: 'The curved cupboard doors are unique and give the kitchen a different look as there are no hard edges. They not only look good but open up to reveal plenty of useful storage space'

After being shown the Ivory Brown granite and pale flooring, the couple say the rest of their design fell into place. 'We've made every part of the room count,' explains Marilynne. 'If a small space is designed cleverly you can still have your dream kitchen'



Curved oak doors finish this Welsh dresser-style area of cabinetry. A conservatory has been built onto the working area to provide a place for the Rayboulds' dining table and chairs



DESIGN & CABINETRY

- William Fox at **Cymru Kitchens**, Old Mineral Water Factory, Turner Street, Newport NP19 7BA (01633 676767) www.cymrukitchens.com
- Oak furniture with cream vinyl-wrapped MDF cabinetry, both from the Cambridge range

WORKTOPS

- Ivory Brown granite. Price per linear m **£330**

SINK & TAP

- ARX160 Ariane undermounted one-and-a-half-bowl sink in stainless steel, Franke **£247**
- Olympus monobloc mixer tap in Silk Steel, Franke **£188**

APPLIANCES (shown)

- Toledo 110 dual-fuel range cooker in silver, Rangemaster **£1,680**
- HMT9656GB built-in microwave, Bosch **£468**
- IKB2850 fully integrated larder fridge, Liebherr **£1,152**

APPLIANCES (not shown)

- Built-in canopy extractor hood, Elica **£120**
- Fully integrated freezer, Liebherr **£727**
- Fully integrated dishwasher, Bosch **£494**
- Fully integrated washer dryer, Bosch **£898**

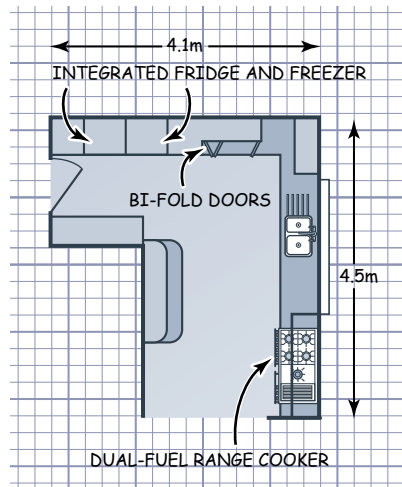
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“We made lots of notes about the kind of kitchen we wanted as well as ideas for colour schemes. We were quite definite about what we did and didn't want and this helped us achieve the right look”

MARILYNNE RAYBOULD

▼ Natural tones of reddish granite and oak help to break up the expanse of cream



GUIDE PRICE

- Starting price for a Cymru Kitchens design **£15,000**

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